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Development and Promotion of Tourism in NER
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any policy for promotion of tourism in North Eastern Region (NER) of the country including setting up a special institute for development of tourism and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the details of funds allocated for tourism promotion and infrastructure development in North Eastern Region during the last three years, State-wise;
(c) whether the Government has received any proposal for tourism promotion and infrastructure development in State of Assam and if so, the details thereof along with the status of the proposal; and
(d) the number of tourism projects submitted by North Eastern States during the last three years along with the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): Infrastructure development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territories including the States in North Eastern Region (NER).

The Ministry of Tourism, however, extends Central Financial Assistance for projects submitted by them in accordance with the existing scheme guidelines. The details of tourism projects for which Central Financial Assistance has been accorded to the North Eastern Region (NER) including the State of Assam is given at Annexure.

No specific proposal has been received for setting up of a special institute for development of tourism. However, there are existing Central Institute of Hotel Managements (IHMs) at Guwahati (Assam) and Shillong (Meghalaya) while there is one State Institute of Hotel Management (SIHM) at Gangtok (Sikkim). Besides, there are two State Food Craft Institutes at Nawgaon (Assam) and Tura (Meghalaya).

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